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## Communities appeal for equality

NEWARK—In response to the needs of the communities in Newark, 14 diverse groups have forged an alliance to collectively inform and educate urban communities on issues of environmental, economic, social and racial justice.

The impetus for constructing the agenda was based on the inequities of environmental protection and the standard practice of placing low-income and people of color communities at greater risk for contamination.

"Environmental discrimination has been cited as a major cause of many of the problems that plague our urban centers," said Nancy Zack of HUD Tenants' Coalition. In addition to the effects on the air, water and vegetation, environmental injustice has become a major health and economic concern across the

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## Race matters and the O.J. Simpson trial

by Fred Beauford

LOS ANGELES—One positive consequence of the lengthy and highly visible O.J. Simpson trial, is the emergence in the public consciousness of a group of sharp, insightful black legal analysts throughout the country.

These lawyers have offered the American public some first-rate insights into the many dramatic shifts and turns, and legal maneuvers that have kept the public in total fascination for months.

One of the best of these attorneys is Oakland-based John L. Burris. Burris is seen and heard frequently on both radio and television, from a regular spot on *Rivera Live and CNN*, to guest spots on *The Today Show*. In addition, he is a regular analyst for *New York Newswatch* and other local and regional newscasters.

The O.J. Simpson trial is not the first big time case for him. Last year, he was associate trial counsel for Rodney King, who won \$3.5 million from the City of Los Angeles.

"When I gave the closing arguments in behalf of Mr. King, and sat down, and looked at the face of the jury, and the courtroom audience, who all looked so tired, I knew that something had changed in my

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## WHITMAN: STOP EXCESSIVE SPENDING

TRENTON—Gov. Christine Whitman has signed two education reform bills which will give parents and taxpayers greater leverage to make schools more accountable for spending.

The School Efficiency Program, Bill S-2079/A-2915, sponsored by Senate President Donald DiFrancesco (R-Middlesex/Morris/Somerset/Union), Senator Jack Ewing (R-Morris/Somerset), Assemblywoman Barbara Wright (R-Mercer/Middlesex) and Martha Bark (R-Al-

lantic/Burlington/Camden), will penalize excessive administrative expenditures and reward administrative efficiency in public schools.

"Our message to all school districts should be clear. Put dollars behind teaching and learning in the classroom," said Gov. Whitman. Under the program, any school district whose per-pupil administrative spending for the preceding school year exceeds the median for districts of the same operating type, by percentages ranging from 129 in the first

year to 125 in the fifth and succeeding years, shall have its school aid reduced by the amount of the excess. No penalty, however, can exceed 10 percent of the district's budgeted administrative spending.

The legislation also provides monetary rewards to schools that demonstrate operational efficiency. To receive a reward, districts must meet certain criteria such as maintaining a 90-12 curriculum and obtaining certification and must spend below 115 percent of the state median.

Another bill, S-367, sponsored by Senator Joseph Kyriillos (R-Middlesex/Monmouth), requires schools to provide parents and other taxpayers in the district with annual report cards.

"The School Report Card Program promotes accountability," said Gov. Whitman. "It gives parents important information they need to have a greater role in their children's education."

The report cards will provide information such as the results of test-

ing program, graduation and drop-out rates, Scholastic Aptitude Test scores, per-pupil expenditures, and administrative expenditures.

Also, included will be the percentage increases in administrative and instructional personnel and a profile of the most recent graduating class concerning their educational or employment plans following graduations. The report card information provided for a school district will be compared with the results of other districts and with schools of similar characteristics.

## SCLC issues resolution to people

ATLANTA GA—The largest youth contingent in Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) history joined delegates from every corner of the nation at a convention, recently held in New Orleans.

At the conference, a resolution to develop a "People to People Tours" of the Southeastern United States was discussed.

The tours, sparked by the onslaught in the courts against gains in minority representation, will be comprised of roving voter registration buses that travel southern states educating citizens on the importance of registering to vote and voting intelligently.

Another key component of the 38th annual convention was the keynote speech by Vice-President Al Gore, who stout-heartedly reaffirmed President Bill Clinton's continued commitment to affirmative action.

"On August 6th, we will celebrate the 30th anniversary of the day President Lyndon Johnson walked into a room in the United States Capitol and signed the Voting Rights Act that helped change America," Gore said.

"What a special date that is to recognize, to celebrate and use the occasion to rededicate ourselves to the struggle with which the SCLC is synonymous."

"There are those who would say that the time for affirmative action has come and gone," said Gore, who met with SCLC President Joseph Lowery, Coretta Scott King and members of the board of directors before the banquet. "But how could that be the case when African Americans make only 60 percent on average of what whites do in America? Anybody who denies that racism still exists is less than honest about the true state of America today. Affirmative action can and must continue to play a role in our society."

Performing at the convention was Grammy Award winner Jennifer

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Coretta Scott King, widow of the late founder and president of the SCLC, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., encourages delegates of the SCLC to continue to fight for racial equality and economic opportunity.

Photo by Tamiko Condoli

## COMMENTARY

## The prison system, a profitable business

by Reverend James T. Meeks

I do not support the possession, distribution or use of illegal drugs of any kind, at anytime. On the other hand, I do believe in equal protection under the law. Those being caught with one type of drug (e.g., crack cocaine) should not be given disproportionate prison sentences over those caught with similar illegal drugs; and they should not be tried in different courts resulting in uneven sentences for the same offense.

In my judgment, the uneven incarceration of those caught with crack cocaine is a deliberate attempt to fill the jails with young black youth. The facts are astounding, disturbing and outrageous. In 1980, of every 1,000 persons arrested on drug charges, 19 were sent to prison. In 1992, the numbers were 104 to 1,000. In 1993, the nation's prison system grew at a rate of 1.2 inmates per week.

Between 1982 and 1992, state governments built 455 new prisons. Sixty percent of those in prison are

black, while blacks are only 12 percent of the population. Ninety-one percent of those serving a five-year mandatory sentence for possession of crack cocaine are African American, yet 55 percent of all crack cocaine users are white.

The *LA Times* reports that the "war on crack targets minorities over whites" despite evidence that large numbers of whites use and sell crack cocaine. Federal law enforcement in Southern California has waged its war against crack almost exclusively

in minority neighborhoods, exposing black and Latino offenders to the toughest drug penalties in the nation.

Not a single white, records show, has been convicted of a crack cocaine offense in federal courts serving Los Angeles and six Southern counties since Congress enacted stiff mandatory sentences for crack dealers in 1986.

Only a few whites have been federally prosecuted in the region stretching from San Luis Obispo to the Mexican border, while hundreds

of minorities have been locked up in federal prison. Virtually all white crack offenders have been prosecuted in state court, where sentences are far less. The difference can be up to eight years for the same offense.

In Los Angeles County, hundreds of white crack traffickers were convicted in state court between 1988 and 1994. No whites were prosecuted federally during this period, though one was indicted a few months ago and is awaiting trial. Whites are more likely

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## Newark teachers attend school to improve skills



(L-R) Janet Chavis, computer teacher; Charlette Jennings, computer teacher and Pamela Morgan, center, recently explored The Internet at the AT&T Superhighway Academy in Piscataway. During the Academy, educators from 10 of the State's neediest school districts designed strategies for using technology to enhance the students' education.

Photo by Felix H. Bryant, Jr.

NEWARK—Teachers, staff, and administrators from Newark and nine other "special needs" school districts have been surfing the Internet as part of a pilot program to help improve technology education in the state's "special needs" school districts.

Newark computer teachers Charlette Jennings, Janet B. Chavis, and computer project coordinator Pamela Morgan attended the Information Superhighway Academy at the AT&T Bell Labs Technical Education Center in Piscataway, where they were introduced to strategies for filtering specific information from the vast stores available on the Internet.

"I strongly feel that telecommunications and networking technology

are necessary in fields to enhance teaching and learning. If we are to provide students with a quality education, allowing them to compete with their peers across the globe, it is necessary for them to have this kind of technology available," said Jennings.

During the week-long course, they also explored the basics of wiring local and wide area computer networks—LANs and WANs—which allow information stored on one computer to be shared with other computers throughout the network. As a final project, the educators designed strategies for using technology to enhance students' education. AT&T has also assigned a team of employee technol-

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## COMMENTARY

## Thirty-two years later: the dream unfulfilled

by Reverend Jesse L. Jackson

On Monday, August 28 we celebrated Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s spirit-filled 1963 "I Have a Dream" speech. Thirty-two years later, the winds of hostility, hate, hurt and violence are still blowing across our land. The ruling allows school boards statewide to terminate teachers for "reasons of economy." Previously school boards were only allowed to terminate tenured teachers for ineffectiveness or unbecoming conduct.

The ruling is stricken from a 1990 case where Gillian Impney, a speech teacher employed by the Seward Borough Board of Education, was fired in July of that year. The board then contracted the Educational Services Commission of Monmouth County to provide speech

therapy for the school district, charging \$5,000 per school year. Impney was paid \$20,000 for the same part-time tenured position. Impney then filed a complaint with the Commissioner of Education, claiming that her tenure rights had been violated. The State Supreme Court, however, ruled differently.

The ruling comes at a critical time for school districts who are dealing with setting higher standards of operation, while receiving less funds from Trenton. The decision is also of great importance to the school districts of Jersey City, Paterson and most recently Newark, who have all been taken under state control and are looking for new ways to save money.

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the number one growth industry in urban America.

Thirty-two years later, drugs are the number one cause of death and destruction. Drugs provide money for the sub-economy, and the war on drug makers and kingpins has been removed from the radar screen.

Thirty-two years later, economic down-sizing is the number one problem. Earnings are up, wages are down, major mergers, such as ABC with

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## Courts rule tenured teachers can be fired

by Michael Barton

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Alan Handler stated, "...our courts have recognized that a local board of education has the authority to reduce its teaching force as long as that reduction is genuinely for reasons of economy."

Handler also expressed that the case involved "special circumstances," because special education was involved. He noted that school boards have considerable latitude in decisions dealing with how to best deliver services to special education students.

"This is a very good decision for local school boards," said Frank Belthaus, chief spokesman for the New Jersey School Board Association. "The court has recognized the authority of the board to cut back on staff for economic reasons, while main-

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# PEOPLE

Councilwoman Crump and  
William Roller honored by Project 2000



**SOUTH ORANGE**—The Seton Hall University Project 2000 Summer Camp recently honored Newark Councilwoman Mildred Crump and William Roller, vice-president station manager of WHSE, for their unwavering support towards the program, including assisting with fundraising. Crump was instrumental in securing a special summer grant to partially underwrite the summer camp. While Roller produced a five-part television series highlighting Project 2000 and the value of male mentoring for youth. The Project 2000 is a program exposing inner-city youth to positive male role models who can influence attitudes toward school and academic achievement.



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**EVERY TUESDAY**  
**EAST ORANGE**—East Orange Farmers Market offers Jersey Fresh vegetables from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Omont Plaza. For more info call 201-268-0938.

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30**  
**MOUNTAIN SIDE**—Oldies Night featuring the Party Dolls at Echo Lake Park at 6:30 p.m. For more info call 908-527-4900 or 908-352-8410.

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 31**  
**NEW YORK**—Hunts on the Hudson at 7 p.m. Registration is required. For more info call 212-387-8700.

**SEPTEMBER THRU DECEMBER**  
**NEW YORK**—Register for computer courses in a variety of areas and software. For more info call 212-279-2111.

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**  
**VCR ALERT**—Biography profile, Dean Martin. Everybody Loves Somebody on A&E at 8 p.m. and 12 a.m.

**BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 5**  
**CRANFORD**—Fitness center at Union County College offers fitness non-credit courses. For more info call 908-709-7600.

**NUTLEY**—Jersey City State College offers graduate courses at Nutley High School. For more info call 201-200-3306.

**SEPTEMBER 6 THRU OCTOBER 2**  
**CRANFORD**—GED prep classes at Union County College, Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:15 a.m. and 6 p.m. For more info call 908-709-7600.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**  
**VCR ALERT**—Biography profile on Sammy Davis Jr. on A&E at 8 p.m. and 12 a.m.

**BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 9**  
**MONTCLAIR**—Dance program at Montclair State University. For more info call 201-655-6443.

**NEWARK**—The Animal Kingdom exhibition at The Newark Public Library. For more info call 201-733-7745.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**  
**WATCHUNG**—Annual Members Art Show at the Watchung Arts Center at 7 p.m. For more info call 908-753-0190.

**SEPTEMBER 9 AND 10**  
**CHESTER**—Twenty-second annual Chester Arts & Crafts Festival from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more info call 908-879-4814.

**SEPTEMBER 9 THRU NOVEMBER 7**  
**CRANFORD**—Astronomy: Discovering the Universe course on Tuesdays from 8:10 to 9:40 p.m. at Union County College. For more info call 908-709-7600.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**  
**EAST ORANGE**—Fundraising picnic given by The EO Slater City Committee at 24 Westcott Street at 2 p.m. For reservations call 201-233-5118.

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**  
**SUMMIT**—Rehearsal for the Concord Singers begin at 7:30 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church. For more info call 908-464-1587.

**BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 12**  
**MONTCLAIR**—Introduction to sign language course at Montclair State University at 7:45 p.m. on Tuesdays. For more info call 201-655-4353.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**  
**EAST ORANGE**—Systa's 4 Systa's Black History program at East Orange High School at 4:15 p.m. For more info call 201-673-2193.

**NEWARK**—General membership meeting for People Organization For Progress at Newark Public Library at 8 p.m. Topic: Million Man March and Murtin Abul-Jamal. For more info call 201-643-7711.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**  
**NEWARK**—JUVSO Awards Benefit at the Newark Club at 6 p.m. For more info call 201-374-2000 ext. 12.

**NEW BRUNSWICK**—Wills and estate planning seminars at the New Jersey Law Center from 1 to 3 p.m. For more info call 1-800-FREE-LAW, ext. 7525.

## BETTER LIFE NEWS

by Robert N. Taylor

### Seven important points to achieving perfection

In order to achieve and sustain success and happiness in life, it is important that a person strives to be excellent in what he or she does. Here are tips that will make you a more perfect, successful and happy person.

1. Adopt clear, specific goals. You must have clearly understood goals which you are trying to achieve. Clear goals give your life purpose, they are the reasons that you live and work and without them your life does not have a purpose.

2. Discover the what and the how! Discover what needs to be done to accomplish your goals and how to do it. Educate yourself by reading and talking to others. Talk to those who have succeeded and those who failed.

3. Be motivated! Instill within yourself a high level of constructive motivation. Being motivated takes a certain level of ego. There is an important difference between constructive self-criticism (discovering and correcting weaknesses) and putting ones self down. Do not speak negatives into your life. Such talk does nothing but harm.

4. Be objective! It is critical that you discover the truth. Do not instill false motivation by denying reality and lying to yourself. Objectivity is just a way of saying "be honest with yourself."

5. Master your craft! Constantly seek ways to become better at what you do. Perfection is the basis of excellence. Do it until you get it right!

6. Double check and review your work! There are no mistakes. When accidents happen, it is because someone did not do something they should have done. You can finish a task. But the task is not complete until you review or double check your work.

7. Associate with the right people! The people in your life are either of benefit to you or they are not. They enhance your life or they constitute a drain. Thus, the people with whom you spend the most time are of critical importance to your success in life. Seek out beneficial relationships.

### South African executives visit NJT

**NEWARK**—South African business executives recently visited NJ TRANSIT to observe how American federally-funded minority business development programs are conducted. Pictured outside the agency's Newark headquarters are: (from left) Ernest C. Williams, manager of Certification Programs; Lewis Ross, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program administrator; Jan L. Walden, manager of DBE Programs; Peter Sakias, chief engineer, Engineering, Development and Construction; Shakra Abdul-Ali, senior DBE representative; Christo VanWyk, purchasing executive with South Africa's Transnet and; Stanley Kaketa, owner of a chemical production company in South Africa. The group met with members of NJ TRANSIT's Procurement, Engineering and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise divisions and toured the agency's Meadows (Rail) Maintenance Complex in Kearny.

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## National News

at a glance

## BLACKS URGED TO STAY AWAY FROM WORK OCTOBER 16

As part of his proposed March on Washington, Nation of Islam Minister Louis Farrakhan is asking all blacks to stay away from work on the October 16 march day to demonstrate how much the United States needs them. Farrakhan told a group of black journalists, "Since America seems to be saying she doesn't want us, we want her to see how she looks all while." Farrakhan plan strikes the same theme as *Day of Absence*, a 1960s theatrical comedy in which whites awoke one morning to find all blacks had disappeared, then struggled to make it through the day without them. Farrakhan says the event, billed as a male-only march, also marks a "holy day" for the black community. Farrakhan, polled by the black press as blacks' "Most Influential Leader," hopes to draw a million men from more than 300 cities.

## FORMER PUBLISHER TAKES OVER THE POINTS OF LIGHT FOUNDATION

Robert K. Goodwin, former publisher of the Tulsa Black *Oklahoma Eagle* newspaper, has been named president and chief executive officer of The Points of Light Foundation. The Points of Light Foundation, founded by President George Bush, is a \$10 million-a-year nonpartisan nonprofit organization. Prior to joining the foundation, Goodwin published the family-owned newspaper from 1973-1981. He also served as executive director of the White House Initiative for historically black colleges and universities and was a deputy chancellor at Texas A&M University.

## TOP COMPANIES IN THE WORLD

According to *Forbes* Magazine, the following are largest companies in the world:

1. Mitsubishi (Japan) \$175.8 billion;
2. Mitsui (Japan) \$171.8 billion;
3. Itochu (Japan) \$167.8 billion;
4. Sumitomo (Japan) \$162.5 billion;
5. General Motors (U.S.) \$155 billion;
6. Marubeni (Japan) \$150.2 billion;
7. Ford Motor (U.S.) \$128.4 billion;
8. Exxon (U.S.) \$101.5 billion;
9. Nissso Iwai (Japan) \$100.9 billion;
10. Royal Dutch-Shell Group (Britain-Netherlands) \$94.9 billion.

## BLACK PUBLISHERS BOYCOTT CALIFORNIA

Adding momentum to a growing number of black organizations canceling their conventions in California, the West Coast Black Publishers has announced that it is taking its October Conference to Las Vegas. "In light of Governor Pete Wilson's stances against affirmative action and seemingly against equal access for African Americans, our group is taking our conference, and money, elsewhere," says Bernie Foster, president.

## BLACKS WITH BIGGER DOLLARS

A survey concerning African-American "baby boomers" found between the ages of 35 and 55 revealed 10 small communities in which the median family income for blacks exceeded that of whites. They are: Brentwood and Queens, NY; Vineland, NJ; Dale City, VA; Cleveland Heights, OH; Southfield, MI; Penn Hills, PA; Vacaville, Carson and Rialto, CA; in Carson, CA, the black family median income was \$53,424 and the white family median was \$38,438. In Southfield, MI, the black family median income was \$50,385 as compared with \$37,396 for white families. Prince George's County, outside Washington, DC, is the county which has the highest concentration of wealthy black families with incomes averaging \$48,471.

ATLANTA, GA — Yvonnecris Smith Veal, M.D., recently began her reign as the 54th president of the 100-year-old National Medical Association (NMA).

Affiliated with the NMA since 1966, Dr. Veal has served in various elected and appointed positions locally and nationally, including a member and the only female to serve as chairman of the Board of Trustees, member of the House of Delegates since 1975. Regional Chair, first vice-president and numerous other positions.

Dr. Veal is currently the senior medical director of the United States

Postal Service for the New York Metropolitan area, one of 10 such positions nationwide. She is also an Occupational Medicine Certified Medical Review Officer. From 1975 to 1981, Dr. Veal served as medical director of Medical Affairs of the East New Neighborhood Family Care Center in Brooklyn. In 1981, she returned to Queens as medical director of the Carter Community Health Center. In 1984, she began her employment with the United States Postal Service.

In her address to the assembly at the NMA Centennial Convention in SCLC, Dr. Veal stated, "the NMA

must do all it can to make a difference in the numbers of African-American physicians who can, and will serve our communities with compassion and excellence."

In response to recent court rulings on affirmative action, Dr. Veal challenged NMA members to loudly protest the reversal and erosion of opportunities that minorities deserve and fought for during the 1960s. "We must become stronger and more aggressive advocates for what is just and right. The NMA must be vigilant and continue to play a pivotal role in representing our physicians

and the patients we serve."

Dr. Veal announced that her goals for 1995-96 are to develop membership initiatives aimed at recruitment, retention, and reclamation of members; continue education and leadership efforts in managed care; continue to advocate for passage of health care reform legislation, which includes universal coverage that is affordable, accessible, portable and provides quality care and choice; enhance the visibility of the NMA; and address gender and racial disparities in the health care industry.



Dr. Yvonnecris Veal

## Tenured teachers

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taining the same services and providing them through a contracted basis," Belhassio stated.

But the decision did not go far enough for some. "The only way that we can get our schools to operate more efficiently and more effectively is to eliminate tenure in schools," said Bill Elam, president of Citizens For School Reform, a community-based organization in Newark.

"The court's decision should have been broader, that way we would have had a chance of challenging the tenure system in our schools. The teachers feel that they are safe and free from getting fired and thus some become complacent and lax," Elam reported.

"You have to renew your drivers license every few years, why shouldn't you have to renew your teacher's license every few years? Are we saying that our children are not as important as our cars?" he asked.

The court's decision is unlikely to affect regular teachers throughout New Jersey because of the narrow scope of the ruling. "I'm not thrilled about it, but it's a fairly narrow decision," said Richard Friedman, the Trenton lawyer for the New Jersey Educational Association.

"I don't think it means that you can purchase services from whom ever you want, where you want, but I do think that special education is going to be attacked and the quality of services is going to go down," Friedman noted.

## Appeal for equality

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country. It all comes down to the question of who gets help and who does not; and Newark has not received much help," reported Zak.

The Reverend Judy Vasile, pastor of St. Stephan's Church notes that their purpose is to help mobilize, support and engage the present efforts and processes of Newark residents and community-based organizations to address social, environmental, racial and economic justice issues.

"Our goal is to help Newark's impoverished persons permanently climb above the poverty, racial, economic and societal barriers," said Rev. Vasile.

In another statement, Tom Monte, environmental justice coordinator for the Greater Newark Conservancy asserted, "our diverse group of activists seeks an end to the unjust and inequitable distribution of support that urban centers receive and we are calling for greater input and representation on committees and boards that shape environmental, economic and social priorities, policies and funding."

There are 14 diverse groups that have forged an alliance and to collectively inform and educate urban communities on issues of environmental, economic, social and racial justice. The first collaborative effort will be to assist families and school children in urban centers in understanding the dangers of lead poisoning, identifying lead in their environment, and reducing exposure to lead in their homes, as well as promoting lead screening, and lead prevention education.

In 1994, 4,693 cases of childhood lead poisoning were reported to the NJ Department of Health. Of those reported cases, more than 50 percent were in Essex County and nearly 1,478 of those cases reported in the county were in the City of Newark.

## SCLC

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Holiday. SCLC also launched their mentoring program at the convention while introducing Holiday as the program's national honorary chair.

The oratorical contest, which was sponsored by SCLC/W.O.M.E.N., was captured by Atlanta Harper High School graduate, Kenya Hansford, headed for Henry University in the fall. Hansford won \$5,000 in scholarships; a total of \$15,000 in scholarships was awarded.

Perhaps, the most emotional moment of the convention was when SCLC/W.O.M.E.N. unveiled their national "Stop the Killing/End the Violence"

quilt, which displayed pictures of youth from across the nation who have become victims of handgun violence.

Over 1,000 people attended the youth contingent, coordinated by National Youth Director Brenda Davis. Other activities included a March Gras celebration, an empowerment breakfast, a youth town hall meeting and a step show competition. Lowery, Mrs. King, activist Dick Gregory, Shakur Ali and Congressman Donald Payne were among those who addressed the youth.

The affirmative action sessions,

featured Republican presidential candidate Art Fletcher, the "father" of affirmative action and Elaine Jones, head of the NAACP's Legal Defense Fund and other presenters.

Tony Harris, director of the Electoral Participation Project in Washington DC, also led a session on Voting Rights—Political Action Strategies for the 90s. The moderator was James Ferguson, executive director of the National Coalition on Black Voter Participation.

The convention concluded with the passage of several resolutions, including the criminal justice resolu-

tion, which, among other things, calls for the SCLC's intervention in the scheduled execution of Mumia Abu-Jamal.

Resolutions to establish a national panel on affirmative action, challenging the Sugar Bowl Committee and establishing a partnership with the National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship. A resolution supporting the appeal in *Ayers v. Fordice* dealing with higher education in Mississippi was also delivered.

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# OPINION

THE PASTOR'S WORD

## EDITORIAL

### East end against West end game

*Tired and out of step with the times*

Opposition to improving security at the Netherland train station in Plainfield by Councilmen Green and Scott is both disappointing and troubling. It is disappointing because both opposed the improvements at the station because, they argued, that the West end of Plainfield is not getting the attention it deserves.

These gentlemen are still living in the past. All of Plainfield needs attention. Arguing against protecting citizens in one area based on the problems in another area is ludicrous. Both Councilmen have been and are representatives of the 4th Ward for years. What have they done to bring proposals to the table to make a difference in the area? What are they proposing now that will make a difference? Obstructionist politics, has nearly ruined Plainfield. What are you doing to improve conditions in your Ward and the city?

It is time to let obstructionist politicians know that their arguments are tired and out of step with the times and needs of the city. Become more productive rather than reactive.

by Rev. Reginald T. Jackson  
& Raiford S. Wheeler

Following the 1994 election, much of the discussion was about the political change that took place in the Congress, governorships and state legislatures. It was such a huge change, a tidal wave, that most commentators and pundits referred to it as a "sea change." Forty years of political history came to an end.

But there was another "sea change" which took place in 1994. In fact, it is a change which has been scurrying for a number of years, but which has been lost by many and is just now becoming noticed by others. That change is the major shift that is taking place among African Americans in this nation.

Since Franklin Roosevelt and the New Deal, African Americans have been overwhelming Democrats, liberal and concentrated in the cities or urban areas of the nation, African

Americans were the most loyal and reliable component, delivering huge margins in the cities, for Democratic candidates.

But now, all of that is changing. However, political leaders of both parties are slow to realize it. Even more surprising is that most African American leadership have not recognized the shift or "sea change" among African Americans.

The presumption, that African Americans are automatically going to vote Democratic and are overwhelmingly liberal and concentrated in urban centers, is wrong. This is the reason why the Democratic party has not seen the huge pluralities in the cities that it used to, why most African Americans don't vote and why African Americans are divided on issues where we used to be united.

Unlike the last 40 years, African Americans are no longer overwhelmingly liberal. Many, if not most blacks, are fiscally conservative and socially

moderate. African Americans are concerned about high taxes, cutting spending, quality education, reducing crime, job security, etc. In other words, what is important to the rest of the country is what is important to a lot of African Americans and furthermore, they are not supportive of liberal positions, which in their experiences and opinions have failed.

In addition, more and more African Americans are moving out of the cities and urban areas of this country. Many African Americans are tired of the high crime and are afraid. They feel public schools in the inner cities are inadequate and they want a clean, safe and ungestated environment to raise their families. Life in the city for many has become a nightmare of drugs, shootings, filthy streets, sirens blaring and a host of other ills.

Those who can get out are leaving the cities. They are moving to the suburbs or rural areas, where real or imagined life seems better. Check

any major city and you will see a decline in the African American population over the last 10 years and an increase of African Americans in the suburbs.

These are the reasons why African American leadership is not in tune with the African American population over the last 10 years and an increase of African Americans in the suburbs. The party and African American leadership are not in tune with a large segment of the African American community.

African Americans are greatly divided at a precarious time in our nation's history. An increasing number of African Americans are becoming more independent and issue oriented. Those who are Democrats are a relatively young and middle aged group, which makes up about a third of the African American population, live in the cities don't read or look at

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## Is the dream still alive? Is there any justice for blacks?

by Michael Sharp

Is the dream still alive? You remember the dream. Or do you? The dream the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. fought and died for. The dream Medgar Evers fought and died for. The dream countless others before us have fought and died for in the quest to be treated equally.

It's hard to imagine there ever was a dream in this day and age when civil rights activist Rosa Parks is recognized and then assaulted by an unsympathetic black man; in this day and age when we are faced with the senseless killing of black teenagers by white teenagers; in this day and age when the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the supposed watchdog of the black civil rights movement, can't even balance its checkbook, let alone deal with the problems and challenges black Americans have to encounter everyday.

I remember back in the day when our leaders preached self-reliance, when they extolled the virtues of education and discipline and the work ethic. But none more. Now, the answer to all our problems is another government program or more spending for already existing ones. We are tired of watching our leaders make fools of themselves while encouraging us to be more dependent on the government.

Our liberal black "leaders"—bless 'em—are so removed from reality that they actually think they are helping us! Middle class "working" blacks—the backbone of the black community—some of the most overtaxed people on this planet, are asked again and again to pay for more social programs whether it be health care, bethel for teenagers, who should be

at home studying or welfare for able men; who should be out working.

At what point do we say "uncle"? How many more of our people do we have to slay? How many more teenage mothers have to give birth to illegitimate children? How many more of us have to be dependent on the government for food, clothing, and shelter? When do we stop accepting the normal as normal?

Based on the recent behavior of some in the black community, I believe there are more slaves now than when we were bought and sold like cattle.

There are some in the black community who believe living off the government has only made our problems worse rather than better. This makes the liberal leaders seething angry? They see their status and benefits eroding so they retaliate by calling all blacks who preach conservative values "Uncle Toms."

They say black conservatives are betraying their race when, in reality, it is black liberals who are selling out by acting like house slaves who have found out the field slaves are planning to escape. In essence, these liberals are saying, "Here dey is, massa dey is tryin' to run away from da ghetto, from gub'ment control. Dey istyin' to do stuff fo' demselves. Dat ain't no way for no Nigra to act."

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FROM CAPITOL HILL

by Asika Muhammad

With the 30th anniversary of the Watts, California uprising against police brutality fresh in mind, it's ironic how little improvement appears to have taken place in that area of some 100 sq. miles. In fact, judging by the developments in the O.J. Simpson case, which began in the fashionable Westwood Brentwood neighborhood of the city, the cancer appears to have spread.

As each day passes and new black-buster events pale the blockbusters from previous days, Mr. Simpson's case has begun to resemble the case 13 years ago of Mumia Abu-Jamal. When it comes to justice for blacks, O.J. has become to A.J. (Abu-Jamal), what Westwood has become to Watts.

Back in January of this year, in its opening statements to the jury, the Simpson legal team summarized the L.A. Police Department's and the district attorney's roles in prosecuting the Hall of Fame football hero accused of murdering his white wife, and a white male acquaintance of hers, as a rush to judgment.

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Now, in the face of their own weak strategy and stunning evidence presented by the defense, the prosecutors have challenged Judge Lance to step down from the case completely. Prosecutors may be hoping for a mistrial, which would give them an opportunity to retry the case, without repeating the blunders and errors they committed, and with full knowledge of the defense strategy.

Furthermore, Mr. Simpson will not have the money to press a full-court-defense strategy in a re-trial, the way his team has done in this 11-month saga.

The irony is the evidence that prosecutor sat witness, Los Angeles Police Detective Mark Fuhrman, is a race-hater who lied on the witness stand in this case, and who apparently admits that he routinely advises cops to plant evidence and frame innocent suspects.

The 30-hours of taped interviews given more than seven years ago, is surprisingly similar to the evidence that was revealed about the Philadelphia Police Department and the prosecution of Mr. Abu-Jamal, who

was convicted of murdering a white cop on December 9, 1981.

What the Watts riot uprising was all about, was a universal understanding among black citizens—regardless of class, educational level, or income level—that L.A. Police routinely brutalized black folks. What the O.J. case makes clear is that the District Attorney's office, seems to collaborate with the offending cops, in blaming the victims instead of rooting out police abuse.

What the O.J. case also reinforces, is the perception that in the A.J. case, the same tactics are routinely used a continent away. "The more things change, the more they remain the same."

As so-called "officers of the court," prosecutors and defense attorneys are supposed to be in "search of truth" and not to achieve "justice." Prosecutors should be more interested in evidence that leads to the real guilty parties as defense attorneys. Instead, their interests appear only to be the convictions... "by any means necessary."

In the A.J. case in 1982, prosecu-

tors appear to have deliberately ignored witnesses who said they saw the assassin who shot officer Daniel Faulkner lie the scene after shooting him. They ignored ballistic evidence to fashion their case because Mr. Abu-Jamal was an annoying critic of the police and prosecutors for their persecution of members of the black-torture group MOVE.

In the O.J. case today, prosecutors appear to be deliberately ignoring evidence that now-retired Det. Fuhrman may have routinely violated the law in his police duties, and that he clearly committed perjury in his testimony against Mr. Simpson.

Listening to the flimsy arguments by prosecutors in Philadelphia, and in Los Angeles, I am reminded of a bit of sophomore law school advice: "When you have the facts on your side, argue the facts. When you have the law on your side, argue the law. When you have neither the facts, nor the law, pound the table!"

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## The anti-review of Live From Death Row

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politicize to task, for being drunk in public, or for stealing money from some fund. But when was the last time you read of them challenging, not a politician, but the political system? Think about it. It is not in their interest to challenge a system from which their goodies flow.

But *Live From Death Row* does just that: it challenges the so-called "justice" system, the so-called "corrections" system, the vamping political system and therefore the cash cow from which the big media sucks.

So, rather than challenge the book, which is full of truth, they attack the writer, on a false premise: "A criminal profiting from crime."

A lie. If there ever was one, but coldly calculated to sell newspapers—while ignoring the book. I dare you to read this book.

Within it, you will find, not only that the big media blatantly lied to this book, but you will have to wonder, "how come I've never read about this kind

of stuff in my paper?" (except for those who do buy the color paper). It is not in the interest of this system. Period.

For writing *Live From Death Row* I've been convicted by the prison system of "engaging in a business or profession of journalism," a way, that's their review. I guess.

Prisoners like John Bunyan wrote *Pilgrim's Progress*; Oscar Wilde wrote *Ballad of Reading Gaol*; Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote *Letter from a Birmingham Jail*; Alexander Berkman wrote *Prison Memoirs of an Anarchist*; Death Row's Cary Chessman wrote *Cell 2455*. Death Row's Bobby Sands wrote *Shank's Song*. Your loved one's *An Autobiography of Prison Writings of Bobby Sands*.

To my knowledge, none of these guys ever got convicted, by a prison misconduct board, of "being a journalist"—except me.

Makes you wonder, don't it? Read *Live From Death Row* and find out why.

## October 16, a day of reckoning

by William Reed

October 16, 1995 could mark the time of the rebirth and emergence of the wealth of black America. October 16th could be the day when black men lead the march that brings all of America into a consciousness of the real strengths of black America.

October 16th will be the day a million black men march, and millions more stay at home, to show the

world that they are ready to fulfill their roles as consumers, breadwinners, monitors of their neighborhoods and fathers and caretakers of the black family.

Let's admit at the outset that some black men will continue to skin their responsibilities to their families and friends and will not register to march. And, many will ridicule those that step forward on October 16th.

But, these are the ones who spend their time complaining about all the bad things white people have done to them; spend all their money with other ethnic groups and complain when those groups won't hire them for employment, deposit their money in financial institutions not owned by blacks and then complain that they can't get a home or car loan from those institutions.

October 16th could be the day that "real" black men step forth and accept responsibility for our own actions and results. Million Man March organizers cite the \$400 billion that passes through the black community annually and explain that from this "day of atonement" an economic agenda that both black men and women will embrace.

"We have enough money among ourselves to change the horrendous conditions under which we live, even

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# YOUTH BEAT

## Ayana Brown selected for fellowship program

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#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

**NEWARK**—Planetarium Shows, "The Power" and "African Skies" at The Newark Museum. For more info and exact times call 201-596-6550.

#### SEPTEMBER 14 - 16

**SUMMIT**—Walk-In-Registration for courses and workshops at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts. For more info call 908-273-9121.

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

**NEWARK**—Mini Zoo Matters. Discover the wildlife at the Newark Museum from 11 to 4 p.m. For more info call 201-596-6550.

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

**NORTH BRANCH**—Barbara's Birthday musical adventure of the king of the elephants at Hattian Valley Community College for children ages 4 to 10 at 1, 3:30 and 6 p.m. For more info call 908-725-3420.

#### SEPTEMBER 26 THRU 28

**NEWARK**—Registration for the Junior Museum 1995 Fall Weekday Pre-School, After-School, and Home-School Workshops at the Newark Museum at 10 a.m. For more info call 201-596-6550.

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

**NEWARK**—Registration for the Junior Museum 1995 Saturday Workshops at the Newark Museum at 10 a.m. For more info call 201-596-6550.

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

**SOMERVILLE**—Fun with printmaking for children in grades 4 to 8 at the Printmaking Council of New Jersey at 9 a.m., noon, 1 and 4 p.m. Pre-registration is required. For more info call 908-725-2110.

#### OCTOBER 28 THRU NOVEMBER 18

**CORNFORD**—Pee-Wee Astronomy course on Saturdays for youth seven through 10 from at Union County College. For more info call 908-730-7600.

Read any good books this summer? Many can be found at your local public library. Don't waste your summer. READ.

## Take the Back-To-School Safety I.Q. challenge

**FLORHAM PARK**—Since it's almost back to school time, it's also the perfect opportunity to remind your kids that safety awareness is important and fun too.

In celebrating its 75th anniversary of AAA New Jersey Automobile Club's School Safety Patrol Program, AAA and Kings Super Markets are teaming up to educate youngsters about back-to-school safety through their "School's Open—Safety I.Q. Quiz" contest.

Between September 8 and 23, area youngsters are invited to stop by any Kings Super Market (located throughout Northern and Central New Jersey) to pick up contest rules and quiz entry forms. Look for the

**VERMONT**—Ayana Brown, of Plainfield, a student at North Carolina A&T State University is participating in a new and innovative program for scholars. This program is the first USDA Woodrow Wilson Fellowship program of its kind.

Brown was selected on the basis of her superior academic achievements, special leadership qualities, strong character and her involvement in extracurricular activities.

Along with her colleagues, Cameron Braetz, Tuskegee University; David Johnson III, Delaware State University; Damon Miller, Florida A&M University; Norris Nicholson, Alcorn State University; Cleatus Robertson, South Carolina State University; Toni Sweeney, Virginia State University and Shelia Thornton, Fort Valley State College, Brown is presently attending one of two summer institutes, the Middlebury College in

Vermont. They are studying a nine-week intensive course in Japanese. Middlebury College is one of the finest language colleges in the country.

The Woodrow Wilson Fellowship Program selected these scholars from The National Scholars Program sponsored by USDA. The students must have maintained a very high GPA to be eligible to participate in the Woodrow Wilson program. Following the completion of the program,

Brown and her colleagues have pledged to work at USDA one year for each year of graduate study in the Woodrow Wilson Fellowship program.

Brown feels that this program is affording her a solid foundation to become successful. Her long-term goal is to obtain an advanced degree in Civil Engineering. When she is not studying, she enjoys music, photography and reading.



## DORCA swim meet results

**NEWARK**—Officials of the Newark Division of Recreation and Cultural Affairs (DORCA) released the results of the 1995 "Newark City-Wide Swim Meet," held recently at the John F. Kennedy (JFK) Recreation Center and Pool.

The statistics are:  
25-year Girls  
**Ramsheda Jones**, 11, first place  
**Bridgette Teel**, 11, second place  
**Nicole Hennings**, 9, third place

25-year Boys  
**Amr Mohamed**, 13, first place  
**Khalid Mohamed**, 12, second place  
**Mohamed Elia**, third place  
**Ousana Mohamed**, 12, first place

25-year Girls/Teen

**Michele Defreese**, 12, first place  
25-year Boys/Teen  
**Daniel Ascende**, 14, first place  
**Jalal Teel**, 14, second place

50-year Girls  
**Bridgette Teel**, 11, first place  
50-year Boys  
**Amr Mohamed**, 13, first place  
**Khalid Mohamed**, 12, second place  
**Mohamed Elia**, third place

50-year Girls/Teen  
**Michele Defreese**, 14, first place

50-year Boys/Teen  
**Daniel Ascende**, 15, first place  
**Jalal Teel**, 14, second place  
**Shawn Hennings**, 14, third place

## Spend your weekend with a bunch of penguins



The New York Aquarium's black-footed penguins.

Photo courtesy of the Wildlife Conservation Society.

**NEW YORK**—The Aquarium for Wildlife Conservation celebrates the life of the black-footed penguins and

their home, Sea Cliffs, on Saturday, September 9th and Sunday, September 10th.

The family-oriented "Splendor of Penguins" will include live entertainment and participatory activities from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

There are 41 black-footed penguins in the breeding colony at the Aquarium. The colony was started in 1977 with 17 birds. Sea Cliffs has room for 100 birds, and the aquarium is actively breeding these birds to reach that capacity along with cooperating with penguin conservation programs.

Splendor of Penguins activities include: special demonstrations and live narrated feeding sessions by aquarium keepers; live entertainment including storytellers, puppets, clowns and musicians; penguin puppet-making and puppet shows; penguin mask-making; plus much, much more!

The aquarium is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the summer and on holidays, the aquarium remains open until 7 p.m. Admission is \$6.75 for adults, \$3.00 for children 2-12 years of age and seniors 65 and older. Children under 2 years old are admitted free. For directions, special events, and other information, please call 718-265-FISH.

## Discover the wonderful world of butterflies

**MOUNTAINSIDE**—Summer may be ending but you can still visit the Traill Nature & Science Center for one last family outing before school starts. This is the time to experience the wonder of the monarch butterflies in the fields of New Jersey.

Amazingly enough these beautiful lepidopterans will soon be flying all the way to Mexico. Families are invited to attend a program on September 4 at 2 p.m. featuring monarch crafts, games, and a walk. Space is limited so please call to pre-register. For more information and cost call 908-789-3670.

## Who were The Tuskegee Airmen?

**NEW YORK**—At the beginning of World War II in 1941, the U.S. Army was totally segregated. Blacks were barred from the Army Air Corps. Under extreme pressure from black organizations, a legendary group of airmen, known as the "Tuskegee Airmen," broke that color barrier. All of these gentlemen were trained at the Tuskegee Army Air Base near Tuskegee Institute in Alabama.

These fighting pilots served in

the war in Europe. The pioneer aviators returned home with 150 Distinguished Flying Crosses and Legions of Merit. Many airmen remained in the military after World War II, and helped integrate the armed forces. Among the leaders of this group were General Daniel James, the first black four-star general and Lt. General Benjamin Davis, Jr., the first black general in the Air Force.

Today, the Tuskegee Airmen have a strong and viable organiza-

tion that numbers 2,000 members worldwide. Their aim is to promote education, self-esteem, and help young people of today meet their goals in this challenging life.

Settling comfortable in civilian life, members of this historic group have gone on to become judges, politicians, league leaders and educators. To learn more about the Tuskegee Airmen tune in to HBO for the movie *The Tuskegee Airmen* starring Laurence Fishburne.

## Sign-up now for your library card

**NEWARK**—September is Library Card Sign-Up Month for all Newark residents, workers and students. The cards are free, but out-of-town residents will have to pay a nominal fee. Convenient sign-up desks are located at the Main Library on Washington Street, at each of the neighborhood branches, and at the Business Information Center on Commerce Street.

As a special treat, children who sign up in September in any of the library's Children's Rooms will also receive a colorful Join Shag's Team bookmark featuring Shaquille O'Neal himself.

In addition, effective September

11, the library will resume its fall/winter operating hours.

The main library, located on Washington Street, will be open from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Mondays, Fridays, and Saturdays; from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays; and will be closed on Sundays.

Neighborhood branches will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. each weekday except Wednesdays, when they will be open from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. The branches are closed on Saturdays and Sundays.

The Business Information Center will open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will be closed Saturdays and Sundays.

## Karen Drake named MVP

**MORRISTOWN**—Karen Drake, a student of Morristown Beard School and a Plainfield resident was honored by the school at its recent annual Sports Awards Dinner. Drake was named most valuable player on the Girls' Soccer team.

*City News wishes all students a safe and enjoyable return to school*

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## Back-to-school safety tips

Here are AAA recommended school bus and basic traffic safety rules for parents to discuss with their children:

o Pay attention to traffic at the bus stop and on your way to and from school. Playing around can put you in danger.

o Don't yell and jump around on a school bus. The driver will have difficulty hearing surrounding traffic and might be distracted.

o Cross the street only at a corner or crosswalk, not in the middle of the block. Traffic signals will help provide a break in traffic and indicate when to cross.

o Obey the directions of police officers, adult crossing guards and school safety patrols. These people are there to help you cross the street safely and must make sure all traffic is stopped before allowing you to cross.

o Use sidewalks whenever possible. When none are available, walk facing traffic on the shoulder of the road. This will allow you to see oncoming cars and give you ample time to react.

o Never dash into the street to retrieve a dropped book or personal item. Look both ways to make sure it's safe, then proceed with caution.

o Always remember a bike is considered a vehicle, so you should be riding with the flow of traffic. Obey safety and traffic rules, use hand signals and never ride without your bicycle helmet!

## HEALTH CALENDAR

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

**CLARK**—Nutrition supermarket tour from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Shoprite. For more info call 908-654-8854.

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

**EAST ORANGE**—Red Cross Community First Aid & Safety course at 9 a.m. at the Red Cross, 106 Washington St. For more info call 201-676-0800.

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

**GREEN BROOK**—Pediatric Basic Life Support Course for Grandparents at the Greenbrook Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center from 9:30 and 6 p.m. For more info call 908-657-1900.

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

**IRVINGTON**—Community High Blood Pressure Control Program, sponsored by the Dept. of Health's Nursing Division, at the Senior Citizens Center from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. For more info call 201-399-6652.

## SEPTEMBER 15, 22

**ISELIN**—Two-day training workshop for "Arthritis Self-Help Course" leaders who'll help deal with arthritis from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more info call 908-283-3300.

# Neighborhoods launch after-school program

by Sandra Wright



Taking a look at some of the books used in United Missionary's after school program are program director, Carol Corbett, Rev. Michael Sykes, J & M Director, Jeffery Brown, and Ludeon Bidsong, J & M PR manager and Corbett's daughter (seated).

**EAST ORANGE**—“Learning doesn’t stop after school, the learning hours right after school are critical for the reinforcement of topics learned in school earlier in the day,” stated Carol Corbett, director of United Missionary Baptist church’s after school program.

The church and officials of a local academic assistance service J & M Brown Associates have joined forces to form a community-wide after school program for kids.

Jeffery Brown, director of J & M feels that it is very vital for children to learn to read effectively and believe they can get that assistance from an after school program where learning is stressed. As part of the curriculum children will be taught from *Brigade Comprehensive Inventory of Basic Skills*.

Public Relations manager of J &

M, Ludeon Bidsong stated that the program will address the difficulties students have with homework and assist them in completing and understanding materials.

Brown also noted that students would be tested in reading and math because these are the core areas of learning. “By testing them in these subjects we can assess their weaknesses or strength, which will also give us an insight on how they will perform in other subjects.”

Rev. Michael Sykes, pastor of United Missionary said he was very pleased to be involved in the program, which started out of a statement he made at a community affair, in which he stated that citizens should start to reclaim their communities.

He also said the group is hoping to get tremendous support, not just for the program, but because of the children involved.

“We are already in the process of

sending letters to the Board of Education requesting its support of the program, requesting supporting from local businesses and informing the community from the pulpit and encourage them to enroll their children,” the Rev. added.

Corbett, added that the church became involved because it feels there is a need for continued educational process and community service and this is a way of giving something back.

The program will be conducted at the church on 228 So. Harrison St., and J & M’s learning center at 331 Central Ave. Both locations are in East Orange. Operating schedule will be from September 11 through June 21 1996 from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. Registration fee is \$45, which will be waived if applicant present coupon available in the consumer Val-Pak. For additional information please call J & M Associates at 201-677-9009.

## Protect your college valuables

**UNION**—The scene is a familiar one in August; parents taking their children, and car loads of their belongings to college. As crazed as this time can be, the New Jersey Insurance News Service (NJINS) suggests that, before the semester begins, students and parents take time to assess their insurance needs.

“Today, college students go to school with at least one valuable possession such as a computer, television or compact disc player,” notes John K. Tene, executive director of NJINS. “In most cases, these belongings are automatically insured against theft or damage by their parents’ homeowners insurance.”

However, coverage varies with each company. Some insurers offer full coverage of an item’s depreciated value; others offer coverage for 10 to 15 percent of the parents’ homeowners contents coverage.

If a student’s possessions are worth more than the coverage limits, damaged or stolen items may not be fully insured. To fully protect a student’s possessions it may be necessary to buy extra insurance, such as an endorsement. An endorsement is a written form attached to an insurance policy that alters the policy’s coverage terms and conditions.

If the student does not live in university housing or lives off-campus, the parents’ insurance policy may still provide some coverage if the student lives at home during the summer. Some policies, however, consider the student independent of his or her family and not eligible for coverage under a parent’s policy.

In which case, the student should buy renters insurance to protect his or her personal property and provide coverage against personal liability for injuries and damages for which the student may be found to be at fault. Parents should keep a list of the possessions their son/daughter takes to college, noting each item, its original cost and date of purchase.

It is also wise to photograph valuable items and engrave televisions, stereos, and computers with the student’s social security number or other identification. This will facilitate claim filing in the event of a loss.

## Newark police install new chaplains



**NEWARK**—The Newark Police Department (NPD) recently installed 11 new chaplains. For the first time in the police department’s history two women, a Muslim cleric, a Seventh Day Adventist clergyman, a Roman Catholic priest and three ministers, who are presently NPD officers, have been named chaplains. Pictured (l-r) are Sergeant Foster Badgley; Reverend V. Denise Shipley of Linden’s Resurrection Temple; Reverend Elizabeth Kaeton, pastor of Newark’s House of Prayer Episcopal Church; Reverend Doctor Steven Davis, pastor of Newark’s Calvary Gospel Church; Reverend Heywood Weatherford, pastor of Newark’s Trinity Temple Seventh Day Adventist Church; Reverend Ray Hagan, a minister and gospel artist; Rabbi Moses Wirtol of Brooklyn’s Congregation Shefira Synagogue; Imam Ali Muslim of the Masjid Mohammed-Newark; Detective Nileh Wilson and long-time Newark police chaplain Bishop Harry T. Spellman. Not pictured are Sergeant Leslie L. Jones, Jr. and Father Christopher Hines of the Newark Archdiocese who were also installed.

## End-of-summer community health fair

**NEWARK**—With summer coming to a close and the beginning of school right around the corner, North Newark residents have an opportunity to get into healthy state of mind.

A community health fair is being held at Sylvan Avenue between Broadway and Summer Avenues on Thursday, August 31, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Participating groups include Newark Community Health Center, I.M.O.N.I., Newark Department of Health & Human Services and several others. Sylvan Avenue will be closed and the event will be presented in street fair style.

The event is being sponsored by International Youth Organization and is being jointly organized by two IYO programs: Young Parents Program and the AmeriCorps EPA Neighborhood Improvement Project. For more information call Ms. Hall at 201-621-1100.

## Do you know the importance of immunization?

by James L. Phillips, M.D.

Do you know immunizations can protect your children from diseases? That is why immunizations should be given to all children in infancy.

Immunization protects against chicken pox, diphtheria, tetanus (lockjaw), pertussis (whooping cough), polio, measles, mumps, rubella (German measles), hepatitis-B and haemophilus influenza type b (Hib).

One of my greatest joys as a pediatrician is ensuring the prevention of such devastating and sometimes deadly diseases.

See your pediatrician or family physician for your child’s immunizations, as well as for a regular check up to assure normal growth and development. Your doctor will give the immunizations on a schedule like the following:

### Immunization Record

2 months	DTP, polio, Hib, hepatitis B
4 months	DTP, polio, Hib, hepatitis B
6 months	DTP, polio, Hib, hepatitis B
12-15 months	MMR, Hib, Chickenpox
15-19 months	DTP
4-6 years	DTP, polio
11-12 years	MMR
14-16 years	Td

The need for immunizations now is greater than ever. A survey by Texas Children’s Hospital and Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, revealed, for example, that regionally, many two-year olds were improperly immunized. That’s why it’s important to take children for immunizations at regular intervals, and encourage friends and family to do the same. Don’t be the parent who says “I wish that I had taken her to the doctor for her immunizations,” after she gets one of the diseases that could have been so easily prevented.

## Nominations needed for Inventors Hall of Fame

**NEWARK**—Thomas Edison and Albert Einstein are just two of the 60 individuals inducted into the New Jersey Inventors Hall of Fame. So are the inventors of the electron microscope, color television, and streptomycin.

The next group of inventors will be inducted in February 1996 and nominations of individual and corporations for induction into the Hall of Fame are now being sought. The deadline is October 1.

“New Jersey has a great wealth of inventors,” said Saul K. Fenster, chairman of the Hall of Fame and president of New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT). “We are looking to honor inventors who have proven their worth in the marketplace and, over a period of time, have demonstrated their beneficial impact on society and technology. We will also honor a corporation that has supported invention.”

Hall of Fame induction is bestowed upon inventors who have made extraordinary contributions to the advancement of knowledge and human welfare. The “Inventor of the Year” designation is presented to inventors who hold current United States patents. All awardees are selected on the basis of importance of the problem solved by the invention, novelty and contribution to the advancement of the state of the art, commercial impact, and its utilitarian or socio-economic impact.

A monument honoring the state’s great inventors is located in the lobby of the Guttenberg Information Technologies Center at NJIT. The exhibit is open to the public Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For nomination forms call 201-596-5623.



**WHEATON, ILLINOIS**—(L-R) Athletes Against Drugs (AAD) founder Steadman Graham, U.S. Olympic hero and AAD member athlete Bruce Jenner, “Love Connection”’s Chuck Woolery and “Murder, She Wrote” star Ron Masak share a laugh at the organization’s 3rd Annual Celebrity Reception at the 1st Division Museum in Wheaton, Illinois. Jenner was this year’s honorary chairman of the event. The party was a kickoff event for AAD’s Celebrity Golf Challenge. The golf tournament and celebrity reception raised approximately \$50,000 for AAD’s drug prevention programs. Established in 1985, AAD is a national not-for-profit organization of athletes, community and business leaders, youth-serving agencies and concerned citizens. Its primary focus is to promote healthy lifestyles and active participation in athletics for youth through sports, education and public awareness programs.

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**NEW YORK**—The Last Magic Show starring illusionist Richard Robinson at the Playquest Theater at 9 and 10 p.m. For more info call 212-779-0170.

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

**NEW YORK**—Blues Festival at The Paramount. For more info call 212-463-MS51.

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

**NEW YORK**—Byron Lee & The Dragonaires (Caribbean Soca legends from Jamaica) at 9 and 11 p.m. at SOB's. For more info call 212-243-4940.

## THRU AUGUST 31

**WARREN**—Landscape, photographic exhibit, at The Atrium Gallery at Chubb Institute, 15 Mountain View Rd. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## THRU SEPTEMBER

**PISCATAWAY**—Lost in Yonkers (play) at the Circle Players. For more info call 908-968-7555.

## THRU SEPTEMBER 14

**NEW YORK**—Seaport Liberty Evening (jazz) Music Cuisine depart at 6:30 and 9:30 p.m. For more info call 212-630-8888.

## THRU SEPTEMBER 18

**ATLANTIC CITY**—Major Exhibition of Art by Peter Max at Circle Gallery in Bally's Park Place Casino. For more info call 609-348-4800.

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

**WAYNE**—Single Option's "Game Night" at the Wayne Presbyterian Church. For more info call 201-881-0333.

## SEPTEMBER 5, 6

**FAKWOOD**—Audition for men and women for George Bernard Shaw's *Pygmalion* at 7:30 p.m. at the Carnegie House. For more info call 908-873-0906.

## SEPTEMBER 10, 11

**PISCATAWAY**—Auditions for women 35 or older and men 35 and 50 and older for *Death and the Maiden* at 7:30 p.m. at the Circle Playhouse. For more info call 908-725-4186.

## BOOK REVIEW

## David Levering Lewis' 'W.E.B. Du Bois: Biography of A Race

by Todd Burroughs

The life of W.E.B. Du Bois has become one of African America's great stories, almost passing into the category of myth and legend. More than 30 years after his death, Du Bois' writings, today, still serve as the intellectual foundation of the struggle for African-American self-determination

and empowerment.

Historian David Levering Lewis' scholarly lavish, highly descriptive 735-page tome, *W.E.B. Du Bois: Biography of A Race* (New York: Henry Holt and Co., A John MacRae Book, 1993) gives us Du Bois the man, not the bronze statue. It also gives us a strong and detailed view of Du Bois the writer. This is important because,

as Lewis points out, Du Bois wrote "16 pioneering or provocative books of sociology, history, politics and race relations." And historian Henry Louis Gates has written that Du Bois "wrote on average one work of one sort every 12 days between the ages of 30 and 95."

Lewis' book, the first of a projected two-volume biographical work

on Du Bois, gives a good account of the early scholar's journalistic writings for *The Fisk Herald* (where he served as an undergraduate), *The Moon*, *The Horizon*, *A Journal of the Color Line*, and, of course, *The Crisis*. *A Record of the Darker Races*.

"The distinctive tone of *The Crisis*," Lewis wrote, "was one of grace ennobled and pride stiffened.... The editor was in the business of arousing and edifying his audience, of re-shaping a race's image of itself, and of serving a resounding notice to white people of a New Negro in the making." Perhaps this notice was also to Du Bois' contemporary intellectual opponent, Booker T. Washington.

What may not be known is that much of the "fighting" between Du Bois and Washington was carried out in the black press. (Those interested in reading excerpts of many of those articles and editorials should find Theodore Vincent's work in our library.) Du Bois' criticism of Washington in *The Crisis*—which quickly

became one of the most well-read black publications when it premiered in 1910—pushed the Tuskegee founder and president to his own journalistic action. Lewis wrote that Washington, who indirectly or indirectly controlled some of the leading black press voices in the early 20th century, tried to bolster the circulation of his *New York Age* for competing's sake. Age editor T. Thomas Fortune—also ironically gave Du Bois his first regular professional by-line when Fortune worked for another paper—had become a kind of a front man for Washington in New York.

This book, although filled with Lewis's constant editorializing (his trademark), is nevertheless a deeply rich biography of a man who, to quote from Amiri Baraka's eulogy of James Baldwin, "...lived his life as witness. He wrote until the end."

Todd Burroughs currently is in the Journalism Department of the University of Maryland at College Park.

## Lord of Illusions



Harry D'Amour (Scott Bakula) protects Dorothea Swann (Famke Janssen) from the forces of evil in United Artist's supernatural film noir thriller *Lord of Illusions*.

## Jazz at Lincoln Center opens '95-'96 season

NEW YORK, NY—Jazz at Lincoln Center (JALC), the nation's most comprehensive jazz program, embarks on its fifth season beginning September 12, through May 18, 1996.

Under the artistic direction of Wynton Marsalis, this season includes an increased commitment to jazz education at home and nationwide, including the first annual Jazz at Lincoln Center High School Jazz Band Competition and two U.S. tours.

The program will continue to present its series of jazz lectures, film programs and Jazz for Young People

events. The season officially opens on Tuesday, September 12 at Avery Fisher Hall when Lyric soprano Kathleen Battle teams up with Wynton Marsalis in a program of romantic songs, spirituals and songs from Cuba, Brazil and Haiti.

Subscription brochures and ticket information are available through CenterCharge at 212-721-6500. Single tickets are now on sale at both the Avery Fisher and Alice Tully Hall Box Offices. For more information on the upcoming season call the Jazz at Lincoln Center Hotline at 212-875-5299.

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Master storyteller Clive Barker is back again with the supernatural horror thriller *Lord of Illusions*. This movie stars film and television actor Scott Bakula (*Quantum Leap*) as Harry D'Amour, a New York private detective who has frequently appeared in Barker's novels and short stories over the last 10 years.

Harry's routine case takes an ominous turn when he stumbles upon a mystery involving the world-famous magician, Philip Swann (Kevin J. O'Connor) and his beautiful wife, Dorothea (Famke Janssen). When something goes fatally wrong during a performance of Swann's spectacular magic show, Harry is drawn into a frightening spiral of secrets, deceit and unimaginable terror.

In the end, Harry learns that illusion is trickery...but magic is real. The film is directed by Clive Barker from his screenplay, based on his own short story, *The Last Illusion*.

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AUGUST 30 THRU SEPTEMBER 1

**NEW YORK**—Strategies for Developing Effective Presentation Skills. For more info call 1-800-262-9699.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

**SOMERSET**—Somerset County Chamber of Commerce Business Card Exchange at the Ramada Inn. Call 908-725-1552.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

**NEWARK**—Washington Commons Development Corporation meeting at 550 Broad Street, 18th fl., at 8 a.m. For more info call Mary Lundy at 201-242-6237 ext. 227.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

**PLAINFIELD**—Dressing for Success Workshop for women at the YWCA Urban Women's Center from 10 a.m. to noon. For more info call 908-756-5000.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

**NEW BRUNSWICK**—Business Matters: You want me to do what? Conference at the Hyatt Regency. For more info call 908-721-3330.

**PLAINFIELD**—Stress Management Workshop for women at the YWCA Urban Women's Center from 10 a.m. to noon. For more info call 908-756-5000.

SEPTEMBER 11-13

**NEW YORK**—Strategies for Developing Effective Presentation Skills. For more info call 1-800-262-9699.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

**NEWARK**—Center City Development Corporation Meeting at the Newark Club, 22nd fl., at 8 a.m. For more info call Mary Lundy at 201-242-6237 ext. 227.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

**NEWARK**—Marketing Workshops to address overseas selling at the Ramada Hotel Newark Airport from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more info call 609-987-1202 or fax 609-987-0092.

**CHICAGO**—African-American Marketing Conference at the Hotel Inter-Continental. To register call 1-800-599-4950.

SEPTEMBER 18-20

**NEW YORK**—Second Annual Circulation Management Conference and Expo at the Manhattan Crowne Plaza. For more info call 212-979-0730.

**ANCHORAGE, AK**—Contractor/Supervisor Lead-Based Paint Abatement Workshop at the Rialto Hotel. For more info call 1-800-644-0553.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

**NEWARK**—Public Affairs Research Institute Breakfast program at the Newark Club at 8:30 a.m. For more info call 609-452-0220 or fax 609-452-1788.

**CHICAGO**—Hispanic Marketing Conference at the Hotel Inter-Continental. To register call 1-800-599-4950.

**NEW YORK, NY**—The American Association of Minority Business Inc. (AAMB) has scheduled its two-day business conference entitled, "World of Opportunities: Solutions for Minority Entrepreneurs" for September 15 and 16 at the Grand Hyatt in New York.

The conference is designed to give minority entrepreneurs up-to-date and valuable knowledge on accessing capital in America, exporting opportunities, second-tier purchasing and the essentials of a successful business.

The conference features national business leaders as: Joe Harris,

executive, special supplier relations, Chrysler Corporation; Ray Jensen, manager, Minority Supplier Development Department, Ford Motor Company; Paul Weber, assistant director of field operations, Minority Business Development Agency; TIM McChristian, general manager, IBM; Ilsa Mendoza, senior manager, Small Business Brand Marketing Of International And Emerging markets, MCI; Terrian Barnes, vice-president of the International Franchise Association; and Jerry Wilhoit, corporate minority vendor coordinator, Miller Brewing Company. Special invited keynote speaker will be Joan Parrott Fonseca,

director of the Minority Business Development Agency for the US Department of Commerce.

These business leaders will gather in an educational business conference to discuss the state of minority-owned businesses in America with the onslaught of attacks on affirmative action programs and to offer effective solutions and to offer effective solutions that address their unique business problems.

Keynoting the Friday luncheon is George Fraser, author of *Success Runs in Our Race*, who will discuss "How to Effectively Network." Dr. Dennis Kimbro, author of *Think and Grow*

*Think: A Black Choice*, will be keynote speaker for the evening general session and will conduct two breakout sessions entitled, "Think and Grow Rich."

To wrap up the conference, Mel Blount, former Pittsburgh Steeler and four-time Super Bowl Champion, who founded The Mel Blount Youth Homes, offers spiritual motivation with his speech on "The Foundation

for Success."

AAMB is a national non-profit business association with headquarters in Charlotte, North Carolina. It is dedicated to enriching the minority business community through a series of informational, educational and motivational business development programs. For more information and registration contact AAMB's center at 1-800-381-2262.

## Dime Savings Bank commits \$50 million for communities

**EAST ORANGE**—The Dime Savings Bank of New York, agreed to commit \$50 million over the next five years in below-market rate mortgages, discounted home improvement loans, construction and permanent financing for non-profit housing developers and loans to minority and women-owned small businesses in New Jersey.

Under the terms of the five-year agreement with New Jersey Citizen Action, The Dime will commit \$30 million for mortgages to help low and moderate-income families buy homes. Through its Affordable Home Mortgage Program, the bank will make available 30 year term loans with a discounted interest rate.

According to Phyllis Salovey-Kaye, executive director of New Jersey Citizen Action, "The Dime Savings Bank is affirming its commitment to community reinvestment and the citizens of New Jersey. By designing products that people really need, aggressively marketing them in the community, and investing in community-based organizations that are developing affordable housing."

In addition, The Dime announced that it will be offering a Home Improvement Loan Program, which will enable homeowners to receive below market rate loans. The amount to be committed for this project will be \$5 million.

The bank has also agreed to provide \$200,000 for minority and women-owned small business loans in combination with contracting opportunities. The contracting opportunity will focus on minority and woman-owned businesses.

Ten million dollars will be provided to enable construction and per-

manent financing to develop affordable housing for low to moderate-income people which will be provided to not for profit community development corporations.

Lawrence Toal, president of The Dime Savings Bank of New York, stated "The Dime has forged an important working relationship with Citizen Action, the first accomplishment of which is the agreement that we are here today celebrating. We have promised to seek to deliver products, programs and services designed to meet the needs of low and moderate-income families in these communities and to seek to make credit available to them. Going forward, we have also vowed to be creative, to continually seek new and different ways to be responsive to the stability and revitalization of these communities."

With the signing of this Community Reinvestment Agreement, \$2.7 billion has now been committed by New Jersey's banks in below-market rate loans for New Jersey's low- and moderate-income residents.

The Dime also announced that it will participate in New Jersey Citizen Action's Loan Counseling Service. An office will be opened at 336 Oakwood Avenue in Orange.

The Loan Counseling Service will provide needed information for first time home buyers, free of charge. The counseling service will pre-qualify families to find out the type of house they can afford to buy, find out the best mortgage, locate affordable homes, and provide credit counseling to resolve credit problems.

Potential home buyers may call 1-800-656-9637 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. to schedule an appointment to meet with a counselor.

## Summit Bank sponsors home buyer seminars

**CRANFORD**—To assist first-time home buyers seeking more affordable homes, Summit Bank is offering a free two-evening series to be presented on two Thursdays, September 14 and September 21.

Sponsored by the New Jersey Community Home Buyers' Counseling Coalition and Summit Bank, individuals or families with annual combined household incomes of no greater than \$55,315 for a two-person household, or \$64,935 for a three-or-more household are invited to register and attend for the seminars.

Scheduled to meet from 6 to 9 p.m., both seminars will be held at the City Council Chambers, on the first floor of the Irvington Municipal Building, Civic Square, in Irvington.

Thomas Hill, vice-president of Summit Bank, will be the program moderator with speakers including a realtor, creditor, home inspector, attorney and a bank underwriter.

Seminar focus will be on the various steps involved in buying a home and how to make an informed purchasing decision; how to interpret your credit report; how to control your budget; how to qualify for a mortgage; how to shop for your home

and what you should know about closing costs.

The first time Home Buyers' program is taught in a classroom setting, without tests or grades. It is recommended that all participants bring a hand-held calculator to the sessions; all other classroom materials will be provided. Both sessions must be attended and completed in order to receive the certificate of attendance needed to qualify for the special first-time home buyer program. Qualified participants will receive a lower down payment requirement and eliminate the need of a savings reserve.

## Avoiding financial pitfalls

**PRINCETON**—Princeton Capital, a national leader in asset-based lending innovation, is offering a brochure entitled *How to Avoid the Five Financial Pitfalls of Small Businesses*. The pamphlet is part of Princeton Capital's Business Solution Series, a collection of published articles that address the challenges of owning and operating a small business.

The pamphlet details the five most

common capitalization pitfalls that small business owners may encounter when trying to ensure the financial well being of their companies. It also gives sound advice on where business-owners can turn for financial help.

For a free copy of *How to Avoid the Five Financial Pitfalls of Small Businesses*, write to Princeton Capital Finance Company, 38 Washington Rd., Princeton, NJ 08550, or call 609-275-7100 or 800-327-3342.

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## Plan now to protect your heirs later

by Brian T. Baker

You work hard to provide for your family. You provide a home, put your children through college, save for retirement—and you want your heirs to receive the wealth that you accumulate during your lifetime.

But if you don't plan for the distribution of your assets at your death, those assets can be tied up in probate for years, and the government may take a large amount in estate taxes—leaving your heirs with significantly less than you intended.

### Who needs a will?

If you die intestate (without a will), the courts decide how to distribute your estate. This can be a slow, expensive process. That's why virtually everyone should have a will—and update it at least every three years and whenever major personal or financial circumstances change.

Marriage, divorce, and the death of a spouse are obvious events that should prompt you to re-examine your will. The arrival of children or grandchildren may also call for change. If you fail to address these events, you may inadvertently cause problems for your family when your estate is settled.

### What is an estate?

An estate is simply all the assets that you accumulate during your lifetime. It includes your house; investments such as stocks, bonds, and real estate; business interests, insurance, art—anything that you own.

### Who needs estate planning?

Any property left to your spouse is generally exempt from federal estate taxes. And the unified tax credit allows a certain amount to pass to your beneficiaries tax-free—currently up to \$600,000. However, if you expect your estate's value to total more than \$600,000 at your death (including death benefits from insurance policies), you may need an estate plan. Proper estate planning can use lifetime gifts and trusts to minimize your estate-tax liability.

While there are costs associated with setting up a tax-wise estate plan, they are generally far outweighed by the benefits. For example, without an estate plan, an estate of \$1.5 million might be charged \$363,000 in estate taxes. A good plan could reduce that charge to \$114,000 for a savings of \$249,000.

With the help of our, Wheat First Butcher Singer investment firm, Financial Strategies Department, your financial consultant can complete a comprehensive estate plan, at no cost or obligation, for you to review with your accountant and attorney. By taking steps today to review your will and your estate documents with your advisors, you can protect your heirs from substantial delays, fees, and taxes. For more information call Mr. Baker at 1-800-456-6545.

Bryan T. Baker, is senior vice president/investment officer with the investment firm Wheat First Butcher Singer in Philadelphia.



For information call  
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## LEGAL NOTICE

### INVITATION TO BID

A Bids Committee of the City of Plainfield will receive sealed bids at a meeting to be held in the Library of City Hall, 515 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, New Jersey at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, September 11, 1995, for:

Transmission Repair

One new 1996 four wheel drive pickup truck with 1995 1996 model duty daily 1995 1996 radio

Specifications and proposal forms on which your bid must be submitted, are available at the office of the purchasing agent, 515 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, New Jersey 07060-2000 753-2311. Monday through Friday, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The bids may be hand delivered sealed, but can not be received any later than the time at which the bids will be opened and read publicly.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975 c. 127.

The City Council reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive defects or informality in the bids or to accept any bid as it shall deem for the best interest of the City of Plainfield.

RICHARD V. RENGA  
PURCHASING AGENT  
FEE: \$53.30

08/30/95

### INVITATION FOR BIDS

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK  
LEASE AGREEMENT FOR SPACE/FACILITY  
FOR CARWASH LAUNDRY SERVICES  
TUESDAY, NHA BID #95-8-599-1

The Housing Authority of the City of Newark (NHA) will receive sealed bids for a Five-Year Lease Agreement for Carwash Laundry Services, Tuesday, September 19, 1995 at 11:00 a.m.

All bid packages shall clearly indicate the specific applicable bid number and will be addressed and mailed to the above date by the Contract Division, Housing Authority of the City of Newark, 57 Sussex Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07103 at which time and place indicated above, bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the Newark Housing Authority, 57 Sussex Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07103 at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 12, 1995 followed in first floor conference room (B108).

Bid specifications for the above, will be available for pick up at the Contract Division of the NHA at the said address (Tel. No. 201-430-2295).

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975 c. 127.

The NHA reserves the right to reject any or all bids in the event that less than two (2) bids are received at the designated time and place of the NHA reserves the right to reject any or all bids if it serves the interest of the Newark Housing Authority.

No bids shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of bids without the consent of the NHA.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK  
HAROLD LUCAS  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
FEE: \$79.30

08/30/95

### INVITATION TO BID

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF PLAINFIELD  
BID NO. PHA4505  
FIRE ALARM SERVICES

The Housing Authority of Plainfield (PHA) will receive sealed bids for the following:

On August 30, 1995 AT 3:00 P.M.  
FIRE ALARM SERVICES

All bid packages shall clearly indicate the specific applicable bid number and will be addressed and mailed to the above date by the Housing Authority of Plainfield, 510 East Street, Plainfield, NJ 07060 at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

For specifications for the above, applicants may pick up at the Main Office of the PHA at the said address. Telephone: (908) 753-1127.

Bid Bids and performance Bonds are not required for these Bids. Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975 c. 127. Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs) will be offered full opportunity to bid and will not be subjected to discrimination on the basis of race, color, gender or ancestry in connection with the award.

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RICHARD D. FOX  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
FEE: \$7.50

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### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Housing Authority of the City of East Orange is soliciting bids for Replacement of Floor Tile and Interior Painting of Project NJ S-1, Concord Towers. Bids are due at the Office of the Authority located at 160 Haledale Street, East Orange, New Jersey 07010, on Wednesday, September 27, 1995, at 11:00 A.M. At which time they will be publicly open and read aloud.

Copies of Contract Documents, including Drawings, Specifications, Information to Bidders, and Bidding Forms may be obtained at the Office of the Authority between the hours of 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

A pre-bid conference and site visit will be conducted at 10:00 A.M., on September 13, 1995, at the Office of the Authority located at 160 Haledale Street, East Orange.

All bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975 c. 127, if law supplementing the Law Against Discrimination.

JOHN SZLACZY  
ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIIDGE  
10 BURNS LANE  
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Sealed bids will be received by the Housing Authority of the Township of Woodbridge, 10 Burns Lane, Woodbridge, NJ, on Monday, September 18, 1995, at 12:00 p.m. At which time, they will be publicly opened and read aloud. A bid as it shall deem for the best interest of the City of Plainfield.

The Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, September 18, 1995, at Greiner Towers, 480 Union Avenue, Cohna, NJ, Woodbridge Township.

The project consists generally of interior painting at two sites of Senior Citizen Housing in Woodbridge Township.

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# Mike Tyson's back

by Collier J. Nicholson  
LAS Vegas Sports Syndication

**LAS VEGAS**—Displaying the trademark surliness and punching rage that made him "the baddest man on the planet," Mike Tyson emerged from a four-year layoff on August 19 with a buzzer first-round comeback victory over Peter McNeely at the MGM Grand Garden.

Eighty-nine second of non-stop excitement marked the return. The former heavyweight champion entered the ring with blue lights flashing and the sell-out crowd of over 16,000 roaring to a crescendo. He wore the familiar black trunks, black shoes and no socks with a white towel draped over his shoulders. With billions more watching on TV on five continents, Tyson started the electrifying evening by knocking McNeely down twice early in the first round in what was generally regarded as a dress rehearsal for a future world championship bout for Don King Productions.

Fans were stunned by what happened next. McNeely charged Tyson first, firing power punches. "I was surprised he came at me with that intensity," Tyson admitted. "I just used my instincts and started throwing punches."

A hard right hand to the chin produced the first knockout. Apparently unhurt, McNeely got up and charged again. Referee Mills Lane tried to grab him to start the knockout count.

McNeely charged Tyson anew after the count, unable to land solid blows, before Tyson

closed in and landed a clean shot to the jaw, knocking him down a second time. He got up shaky and wobbled against the ropes.

To everyone's surprise, McNeely's chief corner man, Vinny Vecchione, leaped into the ring, causing his fight to be disqualified, leaving him stunned, disgruntled and unsatisfied at 1-29 of the first round.

Referee Lane officially ended the debacle as taunts filled the arena. Lane said he thought that McNeely, a 151-lb underdog, fought hard as he could, in spite of the flash knockdowns. "I don't understand why his corner came in there," he said. "He [McNeely] could have gone on."

Vecchione, McNeely's promoter and manager, said he stepped in not because McNeely was hurt, but to prevent him from getting hurt. "I could see Tyson coming on with his speed and balance," Vecchione noted.

Tyson was surprised, "but I'm glad they stopped it," he said. "Eventually, he would've gotten hurt. He's a likable individual. I'm a blood man. I like to win."

"Iron Mike" has a \$25 million guarantee for the fight. His purse could approach \$40 million. McNeely received \$540,000. Vecchione's purse of \$170,000 will be with him until the Nevada Athletic Commission conducts an investigation regarding his action.

In a feature attraction, a heavyweight champion, Bruce Seldon, scored a 10th round knockout over Joe Hipp to retain his title in his first defense. Hipp wasn't an obstacle as Seldon dominated.

He punnelled Hipp's face with

left jabs and opened a large gash under his left eye. Hipp's right eye closed late in the fight and he had a hard time seeing when referee Richard Steel stopped the fight at 1:47 of the 10th round. Since then, Seldon has won only one fight by decision. Seven of his last nine bouts have gone beyond the seventh round. Seldon was paid \$700,000 and can count on flaking millions with Tyson.

After losing to Luis Santana via disqualification, Terry Norris regained the WBC super-welterweight championship with a second round knockout in an undercard afternoon attraction on ABC-TV "Wide World of Sports."

This time, Norris clearly avoided any situation that could have caused a foul, catching Santana with quick rights and lefts, rocking him in both rounds.

In a major surprise, Quincy Taylor, a decided underdog from Dallas, knocked WBC middleweight champion Julian Jackson down in the fourth round, then stopped him with a flurry in the sixth to claim the title Jackson couldn't cope with Taylor's left-handed style.

Miguel Angel Gonzalez took a disputed majority decision over Larry Murray to retain the WBC lightweight championship. Boos rained down from the crowd when the decision was announced. Trainer Benny Collins was involved in a scuffle in the middle of the ring while verifying his disappointment.

"The people need to start judging the fights, the judges obviously can't do it. That's why the crowd reacted the way it did," Collins said. "All you have to do is look at the tape."

## Prison system

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than any other racial group to use crack, according to surveys by the National Institute on Drug Abuse. But the U.S. Sentencing Commission reports that about 96 percent of the crack defendants in federal court are nonwhite. And, records show, the majority are low-level dealers, lookouts and couriers rather than drug kingpins.

No whites were federally prosecuted in 17 states and many cities, including Boston, Denver, Chicago, Miami, Dallas and Los Angeles. Out of hundreds of cases, only one white individual was convicted in California, two in Texas, three in New York and two in Pennsylvania. In Los Angeles, sometimes called the crack capital of the country, critics say a two-tier system of justice has evolved—where black and Latino crack dealers are hammered with 10-year mandatory federal sentences while whites prosecuted in state court face a maximum of five years and often receive no more than a year in jail.

In order to serve five years mandatory for the possession of powder cocaine, one must possess \$3,000 worth. Five years for marijuana requires one to possess \$42,000 worth. To serve five years for crack cocaine, one must possess only \$29 worth.

In 1960, President Dwight Eisenhower warned about the military-industrial complex. In 1995, I am warning you about the prison-industrial complex.

To prove that investing in prisons is big business let me list some of the investors: Smith Barney (part owner of a prison in Florida); American Express (part owner in Oklahoma); General Electric (part owner in Tennessee); Prudential Insurance; Merrill Lynch; Goldman Sachs and the Correction Corporation of America, a private developer of prisons, which earned revenue in excess of \$100 million last year.

From 1979 to 1990, prison building has increased 612 percent. In 1948, the prison population in America was

155,000. In 1995, Texas alone has more than 155,000 prisoners. In 1972, 169,000 people worked for the prison system nationwide. In 1992, that number is more than 525,000.

In 10 years, the prison population in California has gone from 19,000 to 124,000. The largest single campaign contribution to a candidate for governor was \$423,000, given to Pete Wilson by the California Corrections Officers. I don't know the average teacher salary in California, but the yearly salary for prison guards in California is \$45,000, the highest in the nation.

New York's latest state budget seeks to dismiss 84 of its 159 Chaplains, which will result in even less spiritual guidance for inmates in the future. That is why we must again mobilize, become active, return to the streets, and register and vote.

Rev. Meeks is pastor of Salem Baptist Church of Chicago and chairman of the Illinois Rainbow Coalition.

## The O.J. trial

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life," Burris said, smiling fondly at that memory.

A change it was indeed for Burris. In addition to aiding Rodney King to walk away a multi-millionaire, the public now counts him among the top lawyers in the country. But according to Burris, "O.J. is something else again."

But, if the O.J. case is "something else again," then what is it that make it so, and will the case have a lasting impact on both race relations and on our concept of justice, and our faith in the criminal justice system?

"Well," Burris answered, in that familiar straight forward manner that television viewers have grown accustomed to. "For one, it does not have such overriding issues such as Anita Hill versus Clarence Thomas, which dealt with the issue of sexual harassment in the workplace, or Rodney King versus the Los Angeles Police Department, which raised questions about police misconduct. This is a Hollywood soap opera."

He continued, "Here you have a rich, handsome, world famous, in fact, more famous than any I know, black athlete/actor and the white blond Goddess. Shakespeare saw the drama in that centuries ago."

when he wrote *Othello*. This is what the public is relating to."

Burris says the question of law and public policy in this case will not mean much and believes it is an "aberration unless O.J. is acquitted." Such a result, adds Burris, can result in a white backlash against the jury system and attempts to limit the kinds of defense lawyers can put on in behalf of their client.

According to the attorney, what the case has pointed out is the vast gulf between the way whites view the case, and the way blacks view the case. Burris also believes that both blacks and whites show signs of putting race ahead of sound judgment and analysis in this case. "There are blacks who are unwilling to hear any evidence that points to O.J. Any who know it is he is black, and therefore he couldn't have done it. Just as there are whites, just like those blacks, who say evidence be damn! He's black. He did it!" he said adding, "That is the real message in those polls. Both sides are wearing race on their sleeves reflecting the still deep racial divide in this country."

The irony of blacks so staunchly defending Mr. Simpson, who was never known to be affiliated with

many black causes, or, as we have since learned, had any of his substantial fortune invested in black communities, was not a loss on Burris.

He believes blacks are a very forgiving people saying, "We ask nothing of those crossover superstars, but for them to please not forget us, which most always seem to do, except when they get into trouble. Then it is the black community who rally to their support, and stand by them."

When asked whether it was profoundly irresponsible for people like O.J. and his lawyers to play the race card, given the fact that many blacks are already immobilized by racial fears and if he thought this just fed the paranoia, Burris replied, "I don't think that O.J. wanted a race-based strategy, probably for some of the reasons that have been raised in this conversation. I think that the idea came from his lawyers because so much of the evidence pointed in that direction."

"But yes, lawyers, and all of us, have to be very careful when we use the so-called race card. We could be creating a worst situation in a larger sense, than the short term victory we may gain," he concluded.

## Dream unfilled

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Disney and CBS with Westinghouse, create more extremes of wealth with fewer jobs. A few more will become billionaires and they will be called geniuses. A few others will become millionaires, and they will be called stars. Many more will lose their jobs and have less access to the major media. They will be called unemployed, unlucky and untrained. In the face of this, affirmative action—the quest for equal opportunity—has become a desire to race back and forth against the clock.

Thirty-two years later, black babies have a third world infant mortality rate. The black baby who lives is more likely to live and work in inequality, and has a shorter life expectancy. When that black child becomes an adult, he or she is twice as likely to be denied a mortgage loan. For example, a recent study found that the banks in San Diego had made 30,000 loans, but only 27 of them went to blacks.

Thirty-two years later, there are more blacks in jail than in college. We are moving toward a generation of parolees rather than a generation of graduates. These ugly disparities and trends must stop. They represent a growing nightmare, not an expanding dream.

We in the Rainbow have three areas of focus:

1. We must put forth a gallant effort to reclaim our youth. Our "Reclaim Our Youth Crusade," along with the Citizenship Education Fund, targets the nation's 50 biggest cities. Ministers and judges in each city are joining forces to help young people

avoid unnecessary jailing. The joint venture plans to reclaim a total of 100,000 youth across America. We will encourage 20,000 parents in each city to take our five-point plan to insure the success of our young people. Parents must take their child to school, meet their child's teacher, exchange phone numbers, pick up their report card every nine weeks, and turn off the television three hours a night. We can get our children off of the jail track and put them on the fast track if we do these five things.

2. Voter registration. A revitalized commitment to voter registration, and to opening up political options by creating more ballot access, will renew Americans' faith in the political process.

3. Rebuild urban America. The "giant sucking sound" is not merely American jobs going to NAFTA and GATT cheap labor zones. The giant sucking sound is that as jobs and education diminish, our youth are being sucked into the jail industrial complex. It is now the number one urban industry. For American Express, Prudential and Smith Barney it's also a new area of investment.

We as a nation must go another way and recommit ourselves to the dream.

That is why I will enter the City-View Presidential Preference Election this November in 18 cities. It is part of my continuing effort to put urban policy, reinvestment and reclaiming our youth in the front burner of the American agenda. It is another way to give our nation a reason to keep hope alive.

when we start building on our wealth. October 16th can be the day we build on the wealth of our collective economic, political and human resources. Collective wealth building must become the number one item on every black person's agenda and marching on October 16th is a step in the right direction.

## The shift

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the news and don't know or care what's happening. Many don't vote and are not optimistic or have no plans for their future.

It is this third of the population which is pivotal to our future in this nation. The fate of this third will, in large measure, determine whether our cities rebound, and if the problems of drugs, teenage pregnancy, poor education, unemployment and social dependency are abated. It will determine whether or not we, again, become a force to be sought and won or become even more a splintered and divided people, without a strong or unified leadership, who is basically over looked by the nation at large.

## Internet

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ogy mentors to work with Newark educators throughout the school year. The mentors will offer technical advice and assist educators with preparing grant proposals to help Newark and other participating school districts obtain funding. The company's "eMentors," a public service organization composed of past addressers AT&T and Bell Labs employees, will assist with the programs by identifying and overseeing the distribution of used equipment to the districts.

"Actual hands-on use of the infamous Internet was a worthwhile experience," said Chavis. "I've made a lot of notations referencing areas of interest on the Internet addressing particular curriculum areas and am anxiously awaiting the opening of school to share this knowledge with my students," she said.

Morgan said she found instruction the educators received on network wiring to be the most valuable aspect of the academy training, noting the knowledge gained would help the district implement its networking plans "more efficiently and more expeditiously."

Other districts participating in the pilot program include East Orange, Elizabeth, Phillipsburg, Hoboken, Irvington, Jersey City, Plainfield, Union City, and West New York.

The educators' internet experience was made possible by AT&T and the New Jersey Department of Education's Urban Technology Alliance.

## Day of reckoning

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cause them a level of discomfort on the job that they just don't need?

Do they feel any responsibility toward the investment of time and money in the upholding of people they left behind in the inner-cities? Do the middle-class black men and women who moved to suburban areas during the march is going on. For October 16th to be the day of declaration of freedom it can be, it is our responsibility to let them know that black men of consciousness are striving to a new and higher level.

If enough blacks follow the scenario being laid out by Minister Farrakhan, the significance of blacks in American society will be forged into the consciousness of whites as well. October 16th is to be a day of "black absence." If black men, and women, are absent from their jobs, shopping centers, malls, liquor stores and other places where we have an economic impact, white people will wake up real quick to our importance in this country. If black ball players don't play ball and black singers don't sing and black actors don't act on that day, it will surely be a day of significance.

October 16th could be the day

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